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TITLE OF INVENTION:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR GENERATING AN ENCRYPTED

USER DATA STREAM AND METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PLAYING

BACK AN ENCRYPTED USER DATA STREAM

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 - 1. Original Combined Declaration And Power Of Attorney;
 - 2. Signature By Joint Inventor(s) On Behalf Of Nonsigning Inventor(s) Who Cannot Be Reached; and
 - 3. Statement Of Facts In Support Of Filing On Behalf Of Nonsigning Inventor, with attachment.

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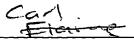
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Dear Mr. Forest:

Please be informed that the first inventor, Mr. Niels RUMP could not be found. Thus, it will not be possible to provide you with signature documents in the name of Mr. RUMP.

Please advise how to proceed in this case and/or send us any necessary documents, e.g. a specific declaration for proving Mr. RUMP's untraceability.

We thank you very much for your assistance in this matter and look forward to receiving your prompt reply.

Very truly yours,



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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FH991204.PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)				
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This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.					
2. This REPORT consists of a total of	6 sheets, ir	cluding this cover s	heet.		
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).					
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3. This report contains indications rela	ting to the following items	: :			
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II Priority	II Priority				
III Non-establishment	of opinion with regard to	novelty, inventive s	step and industrial applicability		
IV Lack of unity of in	IV Lack of unity of invention				
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VI Certain documents cited					
VII Certain defects in t	VII Certain defects in the international application				
VIII Certain observations on the international application					
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I. Basis of the report					
1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):					
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٧.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
	citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-17	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-17	YES
		Claims	·	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
		Claims		NO NO

2. Citations and explanations.

1. PCT Article 33

1.1 Claim 1

The following documents are referred to:

D1: DE-C-196 25 635

D2: US-A-5 303 303

Document D1 is not cited in the international search report but is mentioned and summarised in the description (page 2).

According to D1 it was previously known to generate an encrypted multimedia data stream in which a destination data block (initial block or header) is followed by a user data block which is at least partially encrypted (see D1, Figure 3).

Claim 1 of the present application also provides for the generation of a header (initial block (12)). The position of the header in the data stream is not fixed, but it can also be at the beginning of the data stream, as is known from D1. This claimed feature is therefore not novel.

Document D2 (see the abstract and Figure 1) discloses a header at the beginning of a data stream and also another

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header at the end of the data stream. A person skilled in the art would therefore be able to conclude that header information can be inserted not only at the beginning of a data stream but also in other positions in the data stream. To this extent the claimed feature could not be considered inventive even if it were novel over D1.

Claim 1 also provides for the generation of a user data block, as in D1 and D2. According to Claim 1, an encrypted second part of the user data block is preceded by an unencrypted first part. The object of the process in the context of the decryption of multimedia files is to be able to have a preview function and also to allow immediate playback with limited hardware requirements.

Thus the user data block according to Claim 1 is in effect only partially encrypted, as is known from D1. However, D1 does not disclose the possibility of having the unencrypted part precede the encrypted part. D1 merely proposes partial encryption and shows (Figure 3) the unencrypted part following the encrypted part.

In the light of the disclosure of D1, a person skilled in the art might consider arranging the two parts in the opposite order (unencrypted before encrypted), as claimed in the present application. However, there is nothing to specifically prompt him to change the order explicitly disclosed in D1. Moreover, the problem solved by the present invention is neither known from nor suggested by the available prior art.

Claim 1 is therefore considered to involve an inventive step and thus meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

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1.2 Claim 6

Claim 6 relates to the playing back of an encrypted multimedia data stream that can be generated by the process defined in Claim 1. The special process features defined in Claim 6 are as follows:

- (a) the initial block data required in order to start playing the (unencrypted) initial portion of the user data block is processed;
- (b) the unencrypted initial portion of the user data block is played back.

Neither of these features is known from or suggested by the prior art (D1 and D2).

Hence the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3) are met.

1.3 Claims 12 and 13

Device Claims 12 and 13 correspond to Claims 1 and 6 and therefore also meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

1.4

The invention is industrially applicable.

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

- 2.1 The independent claims have not been drafted in the two-part form defined by PCT Rule 6.3(b). However, the two-part form does not seem to be appropriate in this case.
- 2.2 The word "Viedeodaten" (page 4, fifth paragraph, line 2) should read "Videodaten".

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